

# Focus

The Church Newsletter of Peterculter Parish Church  
April 2023



## FROM THE SESSION CLERK

I'm very happy to confirm the Rev. Mark Rodgers has agreed to act as locum working two days a week during the months of July, September and November. This will enable us to have a degree of proactive pastoral support from a minister once more. The longer term provision of full time support remains subject to further discussion with the appropriate Presbytery committee.

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dave Gordon, my predecessor as Session Clerk from May 2012 to November 2020, when ill-health obliged him to stand down. Dave was a valued friend and we benefited greatly as a Kirk from his leadership, endeavour and wise counsel. He will be sadly missed.

Please note that the 9am Easter Morning outdoor service will now take place outside the church (not at the Glebe as noted in last month's *Focus*).

**Donald Muir, Session Clerk**

## PRESBYTERY MATTERS

### Ordination and Induction at Aberdeen North

Presbytery met on 2nd March for the ordination and induction of Mrs Fiona Lister to the charge of Aberdeen North which had been formed by the union of Northfield, Mastrick and Summerhill parishes with the former Mastrick Church being the building retained.

Fiona was highly regarded when she did part of her training here at Peterculter with John Ferguson from October 2019 to May 2020.

### Union of High Hilton and Woodside

At the February meeting, Presbytery approved the Basis of Union agreed between the congregations of Woodside and High Hilton which was in accordance with the Presbytery Plan. The name of the new charge will be Aberdeen Hillside Parish Church of Scotland with the High Hilton building being retained and the Woodside building being disposed of. Aberdeen Hillside will form part of a grouping with Aberdeen North.

**Richard Little**

## THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the Souper Sunday on February 26 and donated the amazing sum of £350 to Aberdeen Street Pastors. The money will be put towards our ministry on the streets of Aberdeen every weekend and also towards our Thursday evening initiative at the harbour. Thanks to everyone who prepared the delicious soups and helped serve on the day. Your hard work is appreciated.

More thanks is also due to everyone who donated very good quality clothes which will help the homeless here in Aberdeen. They will be well used. As we know, the cost of living crisis is hitting many people very hard but the kindness of people helps others to feel that they do matter.

On behalf of the Management team of Aberdeen Street Pastors, I would like you to know that your contributions and donations will help us to further the Lord's work and we are very grateful.

**Isabel McIntyre**

## WORSHIP

See overleaf for details of all our April services including all our Easter worship

## LIVE STREAMING

Our services continue to be live-streamed each week on Facebook and these can then be found at our YouTube page: <https://youtube.com/user/CulterKirk> or from our website:

[www.culterkirk.co.uk](http://www.culterkirk.co.uk).

We are now using our new cameras and audio/visual software so the quality of the live-stream will hopefully have improved!

**Many thanks** to all of you who donated so that this equipment could be purchased and to Colin Jones for sourcing and installing it.

## THURSDAY & SATURDAY COFFEES & THURSDAY WORSHIP

The Thursday midweek services continue at 11.30am on a monthly basis with the next one taking place on Thursday 6th April.

Thursday Coffees continue each Thursday from 10am - 11.30am.

Saturday Coffees will be held from 10am - 12 noon on 1st and 15th April.

## MAY FOCUS

### Deadline for articles:

Sunday 23rd April

### Publication :

Sunday 30th April



## APRIL & EASTER WORSHIP

2nd April	Morning Worship	Mark Rodgers
Mon 3rd April 7pm	Holy Week Service	Craigiebuckler Parish Church
Tue 4th April 7pm	Holy Week Service	Cults Parish Church
Wed 5th April 7pm	Holy Week Service	Mannofield Parish Church
Thur 6th April 7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Peterculter Parish Church
Fri 7th April 7pm	Good Friday Service	Ruthrieston West Parish Church
9th April 9am	Easter Morning outdoor service at the Church	Corné Randall
9th April 10.30am	Easter Service in the Church	Corné Randall
16th April	Morning Worship	Ian Groves
23rd April	Morning Worship	Mark Rodgers
30th April	Morning Worship	Keith Blackwood

Morning Worship at 10.30am unless otherwise indicated.

## PASTORAL SUPPORT

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## FLOWERS

Thanks to all who contributed to the Church Flowers this month. It is much appreciated.

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